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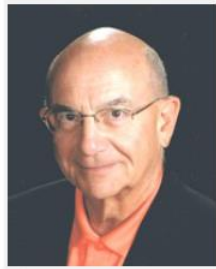
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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

The 2017 – 2018 Program Year is fast coming to a close, with our two final activities scheduled for April. This year has created excitement among the members who have attended the varying, and interesting events that have been held. But there is still more excitement to be had on **April 3rd** when the **Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party** will be held at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City. More details and

information on this social event are found on page 3 of this newsletter.

The annual **Golf Scramble** will also be held on **April 5th** at the PebbleCreek Eagle's Nest Golf Course in Goodyear. This is a fun event for anyone who likes golf – male or female, beginner or experienced. It is the camaraderie and good-natured competition that makes the day. More information and details about this outing can also be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

There is still time to register for either or both of these events, but time is limited. Be sure to check out the Registration Forms for these events found at the end of this newsletter for details and registration deadlines.

In last month's newsletter, we began a series of getting to know our Loyal Dealers better and featured Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC in Peoria. On page 5 of this newsletter you will learn more about Coulter Tempe Cadillac Buick GMC. Both of these dealers were very supportive of the Club's recent March 14th day trip to Kartchner Caverns by allowing us to park our vehicles at their location for the day and use their dealerships for our bus pick-up points. We are very thankful for their hospitality and accommodations, as they also provided treats and rest room facilities before boarding the bus. When you visit our Loyal Dealers, be sure to thank them for all they do for our Club.

We are providing the Club's preliminary meeting and event schedule for the 2018 – 2019 Program Year on page 4 of this newsletter. Place these dates on your calendars to hold them open for next year's exciting list of events.

I hope you will all be able to join us in closing out this program year by participating in the final April events; I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer wherever you might spend it; and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall when we will begin another fun-filled program year.

Enjoy!

Alan Steffe

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- President's Message
- Remaining 2018 Events
- Preliminary 2018-2019 Program Calendar
- William Oberstadt Obituary
- February & March Event Pictures

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The progress of our Club continues to amaze Pam and I, and we look forward to more first-class events in the coming year. Members of our Club have a wealth of experience in the same company that gave us all a springboard to a better life. And the relationships we share today are the source of that something special that connects our past with the unique enjoyment we enjoy at present.

In February we learned about the 30,580 protected acres known as Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve, with 195 miles of trails, guided hikes, mountain bike rides, ecological research programs, and STEM-based natural science education to children and families from all walks of life. The culinary arts program of the Scottsdale Community College served a delicious lunch, including a dessert sampler that was far beyond my expectations. I vote for returning there again in the future. Pam and I live in Chandler and we enjoy getting around the Valley through the various venues the Club uses to host our monthly meetings, November through April. It's the best way I know of to learn more about this beautiful state we call home.

March was a banner month with GM Public Policy hosting another autonomous vehicle update and the motor coach trip to Kartchner Caverns. There's too much to cover all the details. So I'll keep it to the highlights from my perspective. Let me start with giving Jon Moss my heartfelt appreciation for putting together another exceptional day trip via motor coach. Jon makes it possible for Club members to visit some truly unique places, and he puts these trips together with the enjoyment and comfort of our members as his top priority. Whether you attended the trip to Kartchner Caverns on March 14th or not, I hope you'll let Jon know how much you appreciate all his hours of managing the details for success of these trips. Jon's time and talent for event planning is the gold standard to which all other Board members strive to achieve.

I'm excited to share with you that our network within GM continues to grow in two areas that will help keep us up-to-date with the 21st century. GM Public Policy is interested to visit us again in the future. And we're looking forward to being on the receiving end of updates directly from the folks responsible for changing the laws that will allow GM to remain strong as the demands on mobility change to autonomy and electrification. Stay tuned for details on their next visit with the Club and the opportunity to connect with other GM retirees whom they bring into our midst. Last, but certainly not least, is the budding relationship we are growing with the GM IT Innovation Center. You've probably heard that there are only four of these centers in the U.S. This all began when one of their managers saw one of the Club's window decals on a vehicle driving down the highway last summer and contacted us to learn how we might form a partnership. We quickly formed a team and details on that relationship are quickly unfolding. We'll have some exciting news to share with you this fall.

How is it that all of these opportunities come to our Club? The answer is simple, it's the quality of the people in the GM Alumni Club of AZ. Our members, spouses, and significant others are some of the best people you can spend time with. I'm making note of the upcoming events and planning to attend as many as possible. I hope you will too.

Call me anytime,

Dennis Powers

2018 Club President
480.883.6994



REMAINING 2017-2018 MEETING UPDATES

We have only two events left in April for this program year. ***There is still time to register for these events, but you need to hurry!***



Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
April 3, 2018

Western Dinner with all the Fixings
Cash Bar & One Complimentary Drink
Prizes for All
No Dance Experience Necessary

Caller - Dick Callahan

Wear Your Western Finery!

Party Starts at 11:00 am
Cost: \$30.00 per member
\$35.00 per Guest
Registrations due by March 27, 2018

Everyone is welcome - Couples, Singles, & Guests. Fun for all!

Register by March 27th for the April 3rd Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party. This will be a fun-filled social event held at **Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City**. Come in your fanciest western duds and be prepared for fun! We assume no one has been square dancing since the 8th grade, so our well-respected caller, Dick Callahan, will lead us through the basics. Dick is used to people of all skill levels and those who don't move as quickly as they used to. There is a lot of room for singles, partners, and even observers (we'll need a cheering section!). Guests are also welcome to join in the fun.

A meal of oven roasted chicken and bar-b-q ribs with all the fixin's and a complimentary drink will precede the square dancing. A cash bar will be available to help get everyone through the afternoon. All participants will also take home a gift with which to remember this year-ending fun event. Get your registration form in now to join in the fun! A registration form is available on page x.



Golf Team Scramble
April 5, 2018

PebbleCreek
Eagle's Nest Golf Club
8:00 am Start
With Luncheon & Awards to follow

Goodyear, AZ

Individual Contests:
• LONGEST DRIVE
• CLOSEST TO THE PIN
• LONGEST PUTT

Ladies - Red Tees
Men - Blue Tees

2018 Event chair: Ken Wechselberger, 2013 Club President

Register by March 23rd for the April 5th Golf Scramble at the Eagle's Nest Golf Course at PebbleCreek in Goodyear. Since Registrations are due by March 23rd, get your registration in now while you are thinking of it! You can sign up as a single or double, and you will be placed into a foursome, or if you have a foursome, sign up the entire foursome now. A scramble format allows players of all skill levels to readily join in the fun. A luncheon and awards will follow the round.

You won't want to miss the camaraderie, competition, and many stories that will be told about this fun event. The Golf Registration Form with more information can be found on page x and on the Club's Website.



WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THE 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR?

Your Club Board of Directors are currently involved in planning another exciting year for the Club, with interesting topics and special social opportunities. This is the current information available to give you an opportunity to save some dates, while other dates and information are still being firmed up as noted below.

November 6, 2018	PebbleCreek CC	Goodyear
Speaker: Admiral Clark – <i>United States' Current Challenges</i>		
Chair: Ken Wechselberger		
December 6, 2018	Arizona Broadway Theatre	Peoria
Dinner Show: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i>		
Chair: Hal Hubbard		
January 16, 2019	East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts	Mesa
Speaker: Starbright Foundation – <i>Human Trafficking</i>		
Chair: Dennis Powers		
February 12, 2019	Arrowhead Cadillac – Dealer-Sponsored	Glendale
Speaker: GM TBD		
Chair: Roxanne & Alan Steffe		
March 12, 2019	Rustler's Rooste	Phoenix
Comedian: TBD		
Chair: Jon Moss & Mike Borugian		
April 2?, 2019	TBD	TBD
Picnic-in-the-Park		
Chair: TBD		
April ??, 2019	Golf Outing	TBD
Location: TBD		
Chair: Bob Goebel		

OBITUARY FOR WILLAM OBERSTADT (1922 - 2018)



Long time member of our Club, William Burton "Bill" Oberstadt, 95 – World War II Veteran, safety expert, devoted husband and father – died peacefully in Sun City on March 3, 2018. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Doreen, a nephew and several nieces.

Bill was born on November 30, 1922, in Detroit to a large family. After graduating from Redford High School, he joined the Army in 1942 and served in the Army Signal Corps seeing combat in three crucial invasions in the Pacific Theater.

After his honorable discharge in 1945, Bill returned to Detroit and got a job with General Motors, where the mechanical and electrical aptitude he had shown in the

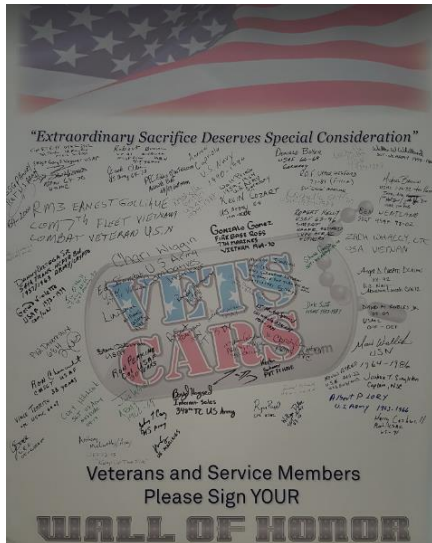
Army soon led to his promotion to Safety Director for the Cadillac Division. He retired in 1984 and moved to Sun City.

In September 2014, despite several health setbacks, Bill was able to take part in an Honor Flight trip to tour the U.S. Capitol, visit the tomb of the unknown soldier, and see the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The public gratitude and honors showered on these aging warriors deeply moved Bill.

GET TO KNOW OUR LOYAL DEALERS – COULTER TEMPE CADILLAC BUICK GMC

Our Club enjoys the loyalty of seven local GM dealerships who promote the longevity of our Club through first-class dealer-sponsored luncheons and much more. We appreciate their support and want you to know more about how they are giving back to the community. Our loyal dealers are heroes in the lives of many Arizonans. As announced in last month's newsletter, each dealership has also identified one key person on their staff for our members to contact – the GM Alumni Concierge – who will make our members' visits the best they can be.

This month we are highlighting **Coulter Tempe Cadillac, Buick, GMC** and their **Vets-Cars Program**. At Coulter Tempe, the service and sacrifice of our military veterans is appreciated. Coulter Tempe is



extremely proud that their reputation for fair and square business practices has earned them an invitation to the national Vets-Cars program, the only auto dealer association committed to serving U.S. Veteran and Military families.

At Coulter Tempe, it starts at the top. General Manager, Greg DePaola, says with conviction, "We commit our business and employees to providing the highest level of service and integrity to our nation's active and former military and their families. At Coulter Tempe we are we are dedicated to providing active and former military and their families a

superior vehicle purchase and ownership experience. In Fact, veterans who purchase a vehicle from Coulter Tempe will be contacted by us within two days to inquire about their complete satisfaction, and encouraged to complete the 'After Action Report.' We want your experience at Coulter Tempe to be honest and respectful."

Coulter Tempe

7780 S. Autoplex Loop, Tempe, AZ 85284

GM Alumni Concierge – Coulter Tempe Cadillac

Mr. John Spindt 480.305.0876

GM Alumni Concierge – Coulter Buick GMC

Mr. Randy Watson 480.940.6000

- ✓ You will be greeted promptly and warmly, thanked for your service and introduced to management.
- ✓ You will be invited to sign YOUR Wall of Honor.
- ✓ Your sales team will spend as much or as little time with you as you wish, answering your questions openly and honestly.
- ✓ You will be given clear, upfront, no haggle, first price-best price numbers including all applicable factory incentives.
- ✓ Your trade will be appraised for the very highest amount that we can give you.
- ✓ You will be introduced to the business manager and will be offered finance options and value added products.
- ✓ Your new vehicle will be detailed to your satisfaction and will have a full tank of fuel at delivery.



FEBRUARY 15TH MEETING – MCDOWELL SONORAN CONSERVANCY

Justin Owen, Executive Director of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, reviewed with the group the background of the non-profit Conservancy and its objectives related to promoting and protecting the Sonoran McDowell Preserve through its 600 volunteer Stewards. Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve encompasses more than 30,000 acres of pristine Sonoran Desert. 195 miles of well maintained trails allow you to explore the Preserve on foot, bike, or horse. The Preserve is open from sunrise to sunset. There is no charge for parking or access at any of its trailheads.



Justin Owen
Executive Director
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy



More photos can be found at: http://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/20180215_meeting_photos.pdf

MARCH 7TH PUBLIC POLICY MEETING

On March 7th our Club was again privileged to host the GM Retirees' Communications activity and GM Public Policy Group as they provided Hal Lenox, GM's Regional Director, State Government Relations – Southwest Region, to share the latest information related to GM and their autonomous vehicle activities.



For More Information Visit:
[2018 GM Self-Driving Safety Report](#)
 and the [GM Engage Website](#)
[Sign Up for Bi-monthly Issues Updates here](#)



MARCH 14TH – KARTCHNER CAVERNS & TRAIL DUST TOWN DAY TRIP

A bus full of GM Alumni and their guests enjoyed a very enlightening and entertaining day on the 14th as they explored one of the most recently discovered living caves in the country. Kartchner Caverns became public in 1988 when it became an Arizona State Park. The day was capped off with an outstanding dinner where no one left hungry at the Pinnacle Peak Steak House in Trail Dust Town following a tour of the Horse Soldier Museum. The exhausted group of travelers then enjoyed a quiet and restful ride back to the Phoenix area.



More photos can be found at: http://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/20180314_meeting_photos.pdf



Special Event Golf Outing

Golf Fee of \$77.00 per Member (\$82.00 per Guest) Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, & Prizes

- ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
- ✓ 8:00 AM Start
- ✓ Step Aside Scramble Format
- ✓ All Levels with Handicaps

Please ADVISE if you are forming a foursome. Otherwise, we will attempt to form teams of equal skill based on handicaps submitted.

GOLF

April 5, 2018

PebbleCreek/Eagle's Nest Golf Club 3645 W. Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395
(623) 935-6761

✓ Check-in Begins at 7:00 AM at the Check-in Table. Arrive no later than 7:30 AM ✓

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Eagle's Nest Golf Club at PebbleCreek

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____
 Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____
 Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____
 Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Memo: PebbleCreek Homeowners will pay their own golf and only pay \$30.00 toward lunch and prizes.

Please make all checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**

Send checks and this completed registration form to: **Ken Wechselberger**
18002 W. Edgemont Avenue
Goodyear, AZ 85395



All checks must be received no later than March 23, 2018



**Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Our 2017-2018 program year concludes with a fun event at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City where we started the year in November 2017. Following a social hour and wonderful western meal of oven roasted chicken and Bar-B-Q ribs, the well-respected square dance caller throughout Maricopa County, Dick Callahan, will lead the group through the square dance basics. Everyone will be able to participate, couples and singles, whether you have danced in the past or not, or you can lead the cheering section from the side of the dance floor. Guests are also welcome. Come dressed in your Western wear finery to help set the mood for the day. It will be a fun afternoon for all to finish the year.

Directions:

From the AZ-101 Loop on the west side of Phoenix, exit onto W Bell Road continuing past the Liberty Buick dealership to N 91st Avenue. Turn left on N 91st Avenue for 1 mile to W Greenway Road and turn right. Palmbrook CC will be on the right.

Time: 11:00 AM Check-In
11:00 AM Social Hour
12:15 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Square Dancing with Dick Callahan

Menu:

Salad, Oven Roasted Chicken, Bar-B-Q Ribs
& More, including Coffee & Tea



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**Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Please return a completed portion of this form to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
P.O. Box 7414
Goodyear, AZ 85338

The following will be attending the Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party:

Member _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Total Amount Included \$ _____	

If special dietary needs, please advise, and we will attempt to accommodate: _____

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 27, 2018

Any questions can be directed to Larry Sessoms (623-455-8616 H).

Note: Keep up-to-date by checking the Club Website frequently at www.azgmalumni.com.
Check out the "Calendar Tab" for details and Registration Forms for any and all events for the year.